

DDI Specification: Current Status and Outlook

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3.2 Public Review

- 3.2 schema complete and in subversion site `branches/proposed3.2/schema`
- Field level documentation has been revised throughout and is available as HTML
- Spreadsheet with change information including incompatibility and process for transformation
- Completing the draft of Part I content for new metadata objects and major changes
- Formal release for public review when above complete
- Full Part I and Part II not be finalized at the time of publication

Changes in 3.2

- Consistency review
- Bugs
- New content
- Identification / Reference

Consistency Review

- Name clash
- Cardinality
- Code Value expansion
- Language
- Structure of XxxGroup
- Standard Scheme structures
- New schemes (Processing Events, Processing Instructions)

Bugs

- Data Relationship / Relationship
- Organization Scheme
- Geographic Structure / Location
 - Make truly reusable
 - Improve operability
- Statistics
- Code (CodeList) – Identifiable Code

Bugs - Questions

- Multiple Question only semi-functional
- Lack of workable question grid
- Lack of question block
- Lack of ability to group questions for management purposes
- Lack of reusable response domains

New materials

- Delineations
 - Reusable descriptions for use by response domain and value representation
- Missing values descriptions
- Data Element

Beta versions

- Sampling methodology
- Sampling frames
- Activity portion of Questionnaire Development

Identification / Reference

- Requiring minimal content for full identification
- Declare scope of uniqueness (Agency | Maintainable)
- Options for URN structure (Canonical | Deprecated)
- Clarification of Administrative and Payload metadata

Where we're at

- The Public Review started at the end of January and was extended through the end of March
- 74 comments were received, there were some issue areas which are being addressed in depth plus 26 comments which have been dealt with
- Final specification release for vote
- Short review
- Vote

Issue areas being discussed

- Currently working with concerned users on the following areas:
 - Data Element – fine tuning
 - Quality – review and clarification
 - Questions – fine tuning
 - Delineations – simplification
 - Geography – fine tuning
 - Organization/Individual – fine tuning